



**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3732**

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
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Application No.: 10/043,178	)	Group Art Unit: 3732
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For: SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND	)	
METHOD FOR CREATING	)	
ANATOMIC WORKING SPACE IN	)	
MINILAPAROTOMY PROCEDURE	)	

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 16, 2004 (Paper No. 8904), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response to which extends through November 16, 2004, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

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